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DRV NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECT "ENEMY" INCURSION, 31 JULY 1964

1. ON 31 JULY DRV NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED AN "ENEMY"

VESSEL FIRING ON THE ISLAND OF HON ME (19-21N 105-56E) AND

TENUOUS INDICATIONS OF ANOTHER ATTACK AGAINST AN UNDETERMINED

TARGET IN THE BEN THUY GENERAL AREA. TWO, POSSIBLY FOUR, DRV

VESSELS REACTED, HOWEVER, THE INTRUDERS APPARENTLY ESCAPED

UNHARMED.

2. AT 301730Z SWATOW CLASS PGM T-142, OPERATING IN COMPANY WITH

THE T-146, REPORTED, POSSIBLY TO PORT WALLUT THAT THE

ENEMY'S ATTACK BEGAN IN THE ANCHORAGE AREA AT HON ME.

THE T-142 FURTHER REPORTED THAT EVEN THOUGH NORTH OF THE

ISLAND THEY WOULD GIVE CHASE AND TRY TO CATCH THE ENEMY. AT

301836Z PORT WALLUT WAS INFORMED BY THE SAME VESSEL THAT "WE

ARRIVED AT 19-18N 105-54-42E THE ENEMY TURNED BACK TO THE

EAST FROM HON ME." BY 301900Z THE DRV VESSELS HAD GIVEN UP THE

CHASE AND WERE RETURNING TO PORT.

3. AT 301805Z BEN THUY INFORMED THE T-377 THAT THE "ENEMY

HAS FIRED INTO HON ME. K1'S VESSEL HAS BEEN SENT REPORT

POSITION TO K2." TENUOUS INDICATIONS OF POSSIBLY ANOTHER

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ATTACK IN THE BEN THUY AREA WERE NOTED AT 310120Z WHEN THE T-379 WAS ORDERED TO BRING THE WOUNDED TROOPS BACK" AND THE T-377 WAS OBSERVED POSSIBLY OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN UNIDENTIFIED COASTAL ARTILLERY ELEMENT.

4. COMMENT: BOTH THE T-337 AND T-379 (EX T-185 AND T-187) ARE BASED AT QUANT KHE AND OPERATE WITH SOUTHERN FLEET PATROL UNITS. SINCE ONE GROUP (T-377 AND T-379) OF VESSELS WAS CONTROLLED BY BEN THUY AND ANOTHER GROUP (T-142 AND T-146), BY PORT WALLUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT TWO DIFFERENT AREAS WERE FIRED ON BY THE INCURSION UNIT(S).

5. SIGNIFICANT TRANSLATIONS OF THIS ACTIVITY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE 2/Q/VHN/T SERIES.

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